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SUBJECT: RABASA'S VIEWS ON NEXT MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS

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FOR SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

1. IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION THIS MORNING, FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA EXPRESSED TO ME HIS GRATITUDE FOR THE PROMPT DELIVERY OF THE MESSAGES CONTAINED IN REFTELS. (EMBASSY DELIVERED THEM TO RABASA ON RECEIPT ON SATURDAY A.M.) HE INDICATED THAT IT WAS HELPFUL TO HAVE THESE MESSAGES IN HAND WHEN HE TALKED SUBSEQUENTLY WITH YOU BY TELEPHONE.

2. RABASA REPEATED HIS PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED VIEW THAT THE CONFERENCE OF TLATELOLCO HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL, BUT SOME CRITICISMS HAD BEEN RECEIVED AS TO LACK OF SPECIFICITY OF ITS CONCLUSIONS. WHILE HE VIEWS IT AS THE BEGINNING OF A PROCESS, HE EMPHASIZED HIS STRONG CONVICTION THAT IF THE PROCESS IS TO MAINTAIN BOTH MOMENTUM AND CREDIBILITY, THE NEXT MFM SHOULD BE ABLE TO MOVE TOWARDS SOME MORE SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS. FOR THIS REASON HE ASKED ME TO REPEAT TO YOU HIS STRONG RECOMMENDATION THAT THE U.S. SHOULD PUT FORWARD AT LEAST SOME CONCRETE PROPOSALS IN ORDER TO SATISFY SOME LATIN ASPIRATIONS.

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3. HE CONFIRMED HIS AGREEMENT WITH THE CONCEPT OF MEETING FIRST IN WASHINGTON AS AN INFORMAL MFM BUT SAID THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO SPEND SEVERAL DAYS IN ATLANTA AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GENERAL DEBATE IF ONE TAKES PLACE.

4. INCIDENTALLY, HE CONFIRMED THAT MEXICO HOPES TO SEND UP A COLLECTION OF SIQUEIROS PAINTINGS (TO AUGMENT THE PRIVATE COLLECTION FROM NEW YORK OF SIQUEIROS, WHOSE LOAN I HAVE ARRANGED) IN ORDER TO ADD CULTURAL INTEREST TO THE ATLANTA MEETING.
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